

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, as amended.

The Patent Office has sent a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In it, the Patent Office indicated that the amendment document filed on November 26, 2003 (1) does not contain a complete list of current claims; (2) each claim has not been provided with proper status identifier; and (3) the Amended claims are not on separate sheets.

In the claim amendment presented above, applicant respectfully submits that the above-mentioned objections have been overcome.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, it is respectfully submitted that the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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